

# THAT CAPE MAY COTTAGE.

## STILL AN UNEXPLAINED FACT IN THE CURIOUS TRANSACTION.

### WHERE OF THE SUBSCRIBERS TO THE FUND HAS THE OTT BACK HIS MONEY?

How could the President, as his son says, have paid for the cottage? He paid only \$1 in an honorarium. If the \$9,000 was returned, then who got the money?

There was published yesterday in the New York Press and the Philadelphia Press, the two Republican newspapers which are popularly supposed to be most hostile to the Administration, an elaborate interview with Mr. Russell B. Harrison, son of the President. The interview relates to the Cape May Point cottage, and Mr. Harrison says:

"When the parties visited Washington with the cottage, it was the first intimation that the President had of their intention to make such a gift."

After they had explained their mission and their wishes to the President, he said to them, "Very cordially, but while he appreciated their kind intentions he could not accept the cottage as a present, and those who called upon him understood that he would not accept it. He stated, however, that in view of the fact that they had made preparations for the family to occupy the cottage, he would arrange for them to go there and would determine later on whether he would rent the cottage or make a purchase of it. This arrangement was satisfactory to them. After having occupied the cottage for a time, my mother was pleased with it, and the President, after having consulted with her, decided to make a purchase of it. The deed of the cottage to my mother was made without consultation with the President, and he did not know of it until the news of the action was given to the Washington press. At the original interview with the Philadelphia gentlemen at the White House, the President concluded that he did not make the purchase of the cottage, but he decided to rent it for the season. Payment has been made for the cottage and accepted. From the time the cottage was first brought to the President's attention it has been considered as a business matter."

When President Harrison, or Mr. Harrison, first accepted the cottage the act aroused widespread comment and criticism. Some ten days ago it was announced, apparently with authority, and certainly without subsequent denial, that the President had paid for the cottage. As already shown in THE WORLD, the original subscribers to the fund paid \$9,000 of it, and, as the only deed on record shows, turned it over to Mr. Harrison. The act of paying for the cottage, Mr. Harrison says, "payment has since been made for the cottage and accepted. It is to be assumed that the President returned this sum—\$9,000—to the donors."

This, so far as THE WORLD's careful inquiries can establish the fact, has not been done. The correspondence from Philadelphia, printed below, seems to furnish convincing evidence that the cottage at Cape May Point occupied by the President and his family was, when delivered over, intended as a gift to Mrs. Harrison, and by her accepted as such. It was apparently an afterthought inspired by the adverse criticism of the transaction by the public. Up to this time the known contributors to its purchase have not received the amount of their subscriptions.

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# THE PRESIDENT AND SON.

## RUSSELL B. CONTINUES TO PRINT HIS LOTTERY ADVERTISEMENTS.

### APPARENTLY NO REGARD FOR HIS FATHER'S WORDS OR REPUTE.

This is Really a National Shame.—The Lottery Men Laugh at the President's Message to Congress, While His Own Son Prints by Their Money.—Mr. Arkell's Action.

(SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.)  
SARATOGA, Aug. 1.—As noted in THE WORLD's article upon the publication in Russell B. Harrison's Montana paper of lottery advertisements, John H. Mosby, the ex-Confederate raider and present ardent Republican, charged that Mr. Russell B. Harrison, son of the President, had solicited from him certain advertisements of the Mexican lottery, which, the General is convinced, and for insertion in Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper and the Morning Journal, of Helena, Mont., of the company publishing which Mr. Russell B. Harrison is the President. Gen. Mosby alleged that Mr. Harrison was at the time in Montana, and that he had been in the act of inserting the advertisements in the Montana paper.

Mr. W. J. Arkell is the proprietor, with Mr. Russell B. Harrison, of Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper. Mr. Arkell is now at the Hotel Balmoral, Mount McGregor, this afternoon, and his attention was called to the article in yesterday's World. Mr. Arkell said:

"In regard to Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, the columns of that paper will state in plain English the entire transaction. It is an imperative rule in the office that all lottery advertisements are excluded from its advertising columns. At the time of the tour of Texas some lottery advertisements were taken down there, but they were promptly excluded on reaching the home office in New York City."

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 1.—Gen. Mosby says that the contracts for printing his lottery and signed by Russell B. Harrison are now in Mexico, but can be obtained and exhibited. He repeated his now celebrated remark: "It is to be noted that the President's son is after the sinners." In regard to the President's message to Congress against lotteries, and seeking legislation to prevent the distribution through the mails of newspapers containing lottery advertisements, was printed here as far back as last Wednesday morning, the Helena Montana Journal still publishes the advertisements of both the Louisiana and Mexican lotteries, and Mr. Mosby says that the contracts for printing his lottery and signed by Russell B. Harrison are now in Mexico, but can be obtained and exhibited.

### IV.—No Money Returned to the Two Principal Contributors.

Up to this afternoon, it may be stated with the utmost positiveness, the subscriptions of the two known contributors in Philadelphia have not been returned to them. If the President has paid \$10,000, as alleged in some quarters, to Mr. McKean to cover the cost of the land, cottage and furniture, the latter would, it is fair to suppose, immediately have reimbursed the donors. He would have two purposes in doing this: first to set the President right, and second to set himself right. However, Mr. McKean's straightforwardness would under no circumstances be doubted.

Mr. Childs has printed nothing in his own paper on the subject and naturally will not talk for publication in other papers. Mr. Drexel is a reticent man always and no public discussion of the subject can be obtained from him.

There are a few persons, however, who know the more important facts in the transaction and the details which the correspondence of THE WORLD has obtained are beyond controversy.

The role motive of Mr. McKean in entering himself in raising money for the purchase of the cottage was to provide a comfortable summer home for Mr. Harrison and the remainder of the President's family. He is the owner of a single lot and cottage at Cape May Point and could have no possible interest in a land speculation. He had made the place his home for four or five years and imagined that the President and his family would be as fond of it as he is.

Mr. Wanamaker is reputed to be the owner of fifteen lots at Cape May Point. He formerly owned a considerable tract which cost \$11,000. The speculative advantage of the cottage might obtain by the presence of the President's family would not have been great, no matter how extensive the expected boom proved to be. Still, naturally enough, people ask the question: If a \$10,000 gift would tempt the President, would not a corresponding gain tempt the Postmaster-General? It is, perhaps, best to let the people answer their own question.

### V.—Mr. McKean Was Beguiled from His Conservative Ways.

Next to the President, Mr. McKean is, of course, the most conspicuous figure in the transaction. He has attained the ripe age of nearly four score. It was a surprise to everybody who knew him—and to nobody but the President and Mr. Childs—who he should have interested himself in arranging the gift of the cottage.

He has always been conservative to the greatest extreme, a policy in perfect consonance with Mr. Childs's ideas in the conduct of the Ledger. It is said to be the first time in his long life that he has ever been trapped into any act that he had serious cause to regret. He is said to be very much disturbed over the adverse criticism of the President for accepting the gift. He understands perfectly that although the present is made to Mrs. Harrison the people consider the acceptance as by the President.

Mr. McKean is at Cape May Point at present. He is at the Ledger office scarcely once a week, and then only for an hour or so. Even when living in the city he rarely spends more than two hours a day at the office.

Mr. Childs is said to have seen him but once since the disclosures regarding the Cape May Point cottage, and then only for a few minutes. It is stated that neither the President nor Mr. Childs make no change in Mr. Childs's opinion of Mr. McKean or alter in the slightest degree Mr. McKean's position in the Ledger office.

Mr. Childs is the friend of every man in his office as well as his employer. Every man has a place for him, and he is a force in his duties. When no longer able to work he is retired on full pay. Mr. Childs's pension list is as great as his salary list. In addition to all the rest every employee is annually given two weeks' vacation with full pay, and a bonus of money is given, according to the position he occupies, to add to the pleasure of his going.

### Did he Save His Men.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 1.—The statement that the militia had decided to shut down Monday is incorrect. The agreement, as signed by the militia Treasurer, simply provides for a six days' stoppage, without pay, on a certain date. The militia is not in the city until up to date refuses to consider any proposal for a six days' stoppage. The militia is not in the city until up to date refuses to consider any proposal for a six days' stoppage.

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# COUNCIL AND FAIR SITE.

## HOW A SCHEME OF THE ALDERMEN NEARLY LOST THE FAIR.

### DID A NEW BUSINESS DISTRICT MESSAGE THE LAKE FRONT?

Commercial Men Certainly Thought So, and This Was the Cause of Their Fight Against the Council—Value of Land to Be Redeemed From the Lake, \$300,000,000.

(SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.)  
CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—Five hundred millions of dollars is a tidy sum of money. It represents the value of property involved in the Lake Front controversy, which is as yet a factor in World's Fair calculations.

It is now possible for the first time to make public a list of the secret history of the local complications which have retarded and embarrassed the work of the World's Fair Directors, the country at large has been no more mystified than have the people of Chicago, many of whom have considered themselves on the inside. The propounding of the question, "Shall the Lake Front be used as the site or a part of the site for the World's Fair?" brought into existence a conflict of ideas at once startling and novel; it created a problem the solution of which was freighted with possibilities of destruction, exceeding in enormity the losses sustained in the ever-memorable fire, which devastated Chicago nineteen years ago. For the citizens of Chicago are slightly acquainted with the facts. Few realize how narrowly Chicago has escaped losing the Columbian Exposition, which was secured after so determined an effort.

"Sooner than place in the hands of the City Council of Chicago the retention of the 350 acres of land it is proposed to reclaim from the lake, the Board of Directors will bury the Columbian Exposition so deep that Gabriel's trumpet will not reach it on the resurrection morning."

### THE CASE OF THIS OPPOSITION.

The scheme, the most dangerous ever used by one of the most influential of the local Board of Directors. It was uttered with all the sincerity of a man who knew whereof he spoke, and who understood full well what he said. In making that statement he undoubtedly voiced the sentiments of a large majority of his colleagues. In taking that position he certainly represents the sentiments of the business men of Chicago. At the time this statement was made there was imminent danger that the Lake Front could be used only on the condition that the newly created and would revert back to the City of Chicago the lot of land at the Exposition, subject to the undisputed control of her City Council. Now that it has been practically settled that this newly created land must forever be used for park purposes the truth may be freely written.

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### THE GREENWOOD TRAGEDY.

#### Details of Thursday's Four-Handed Duel in the Streets.

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GREENWOOD, Miss. Aug. 1.—The excitement over the four-handed duel which took place in the street here yesterday continues to increase, and the particulars of the encounter are just now gaining publicity. The affair was the result of a joke. Stoddard, who was a card player, and a humorous paper, and the afternoon paper, edited by James K. Vardaman, commented on its appropriateness to the situation brought about by the retention of the Lake Front. Stoddard, who was a card player, and a humorous paper, and the afternoon paper, edited by James K. Vardaman, commented on its appropriateness to the situation brought about by the retention of the Lake Front.

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This is Really a National Shame.—The Lottery Men Laugh at the President's Message to Congress, While His Own Son Prints by Their Money.—Mr. Arkell's Action.

(SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.)  
SARATOGA, Aug. 1.—As noted in THE WORLD's article upon the publication in Russell B. Harrison's Montana paper of lottery advertisements, John H. Mosby, the ex-Confederate raider and present ardent Republican, charged that Mr. Russell B. Harrison, son of the President, had solicited from him certain advertisements of the Mexican lottery, which, the General is convinced, and for insertion in Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper and the Morning Journal, of Helena, Mont., of the company publishing which Mr. Russell B. Harrison is the President. Gen. Mosby alleged that Mr. Harrison was at the time in Montana, and that he had been in the act of inserting the advertisements in the Montana paper.

Mr. W. J. Arkell is the proprietor, with Mr. Russell B. Harrison, of Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper. Mr. Arkell is now at the Hotel Balmoral, Mount McGregor, this afternoon, and his attention was called to the article in yesterday's World. Mr. Arkell said:

"In regard to Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, the columns of that paper will state in plain English the entire transaction. It is an imperative rule in the office that all lottery advertisements are excluded from its advertising columns. At the time of the tour of Texas some lottery advertisements were taken down there, but they were promptly excluded on reaching the home office in New York City."

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 1.—Gen. Mosby says that the contracts for printing his lottery and signed by Russell B. Harrison are now in Mexico, but can be obtained and exhibited. He repeated his now celebrated remark: "It is to be noted that the President's son is after the sinners." In regard to the President's message to Congress against lotteries, and seeking legislation to prevent the distribution through the mails of newspapers containing lottery advertisements, was printed here as far back as last Wednesday morning, the Helena Montana Journal still publishes the advertisements of both the Louisiana and Mexican lotteries, and Mr. Mosby says that the contracts for printing his lottery and signed by Russell B. Harrison are now in Mexico, but can be obtained and exhibited.

### IV.—No Money Returned to the Two Principal Contributors.

Up to this afternoon, it may be stated with the utmost positiveness, the subscriptions of the two known contributors in Philadelphia have not been returned to them. If the President has paid \$10,000, as alleged in some quarters, to Mr. McKean to cover the cost of the land, cottage and furniture, the latter would, it is fair to suppose, immediately have reimbursed the donors. He would have two purposes in doing this: first to set the President right, and second to set himself right. However, Mr. McKean's straightforwardness would under no circumstances be doubted.

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